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I disagree with the MS settlement

I am a satisfied user of many MS products, but also think they are a company that has abused their monopoly position and seriously harmed other companies as well as the public. I believe the court's finding of fact is right on the money. I disagree with the settlement for the following reasons:

- Loopholes and insufficient remedies to prevent similar behavior in the future
- Fails to punish MS for past misdeeds, including gross disregard for the court's authority during the trial (rigging demos, denying the removability of IE, etc.)
- Fails even to address monopolistic behavior since the findings of fact, such as bundling Passport authentication with the operating system, thus channeling e-commerce through MS.

MS has a stranglehold on PC operating systems for the desktop. Companies such as Apple, Be, and others have no ability to compete fairly without restrictions on MS behavior, access to APIs to produce compatibility layers, and the promise of strong support from the DOJ in the future.

Thank you,

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